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Bragg Moore Day celebrated Friday in Pascagoula

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PASCAGOULA - Bragg Moore, 54, a hometown boy turned prominent Resurrection High School educator, has affected more lives than he know Mr. Moore." knows.

When Moore walks away from the school campus this month after a distinguished teaching career, he'll leave behind thousands of fond memories and an even greater number of admirers Moore and well-wishers.



At noon Friday, Resurrection's school family - including alumni and friends - will honor their favorite educator with "Bragg Moore Day."

The daylong event will include plenty of humorous, well-deserved and heart-felt sendoffs, friends say.

Moore has devoted 30 years of his life to enriching the minds of area students, a task that he did not take lightly, said Gail Feidt, technology coordinator at Resurrection.

"We're having a whole day for him. He is the school. He is the rock of the Aug. 29, much of Pascagoula was left school. He is the one who knows every single thing about this school," Feidt the task of uplifting everyone's spirative impact, Moore remained

said. "He impacts the lives of even the seventh-graders who do not interact with him in class. He does the morning devotion. There is not a student at Resurrection who doesn't

Moore graduated from the Pascagoula campus in 1969 and then was affectionately tagged "Mr. Everything," Feidt said.

Over the past year, he has streamlined duties to teaching religion parttime to seniors at the school. He is the Diocese of Biloxi's full-time youth director and has even served as coach.

Callie Thames, an eighth-grade student, has known Moore since she began first grade at Resurrection.

"He taught my sister (Katie) when she went there. He is very nice. He helps everybody if they need help. He is always positive. I have never seen him get mad or at anybody. He is very kind and always willing to do something to help others," said Callie, who was surprised and somewhat sad to learn of Moore's imminent retirement. "It's going to be different not to see him next year."

Following Hurricane Katrina on a devastated wasteland. Moore took

BRAGG MOORE DAY

• Noon - Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church on Convent Avenue. It will be followed with a picnic on school grounds. Students, alumni and family are invit-

• 2 p.m. — Students of Resurrection High School will pay tribute to Bragg Moore during a roast in his honor.

• 6 p.m. — Resurrection PTO will host a block party outside the school gym on Watts Avenue.

it, according to Callie.

"He helped me keep positive. He really didn't show any signs of upset messed up, too," she said.

Andrea Hill, a graduating senior, is a member of the last Resurrection class that Moore will teach.

teaches about giving and helping others who are less fortunate. He helped set up a fund for buying baby cribs for Pugh's Florist in Pascagoula and children in China. He also helped with the Angel Tree in Singing River Mall in Gautier. He helped get the job was at OLV, later renamed Res-sorely missed," Williams said. school a lot of money," Andrea said.

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upbeat, she said.

"You never knew that it affected him or anything. I would like him to know he has made me think more about helping others," said Andrea, who plans to study pre-medicine this fall at the University of Mississippi.

Moore's retirement, she said, will

be "a terrible loss."

Attorney Eddie Williams of Pascagoula is Moore's brother-in-law, former school mate and close friend.

"Bragg and I have always enjoyed an excellent relationship. We were best friends from the time we started first grade at OLV school and all the way to the 12th grade. Then he made a foolish mistake and went to Mississippi State University and I, of leen, have been married for 32 years. whenever he got back. His house got course, chose a better road and went to Ole Miss." Williams said.

Williams said when Moore completed his physical education studies at MSU - Moore's lifelong aspi-"He is a really good teacher. He ration was to coach — there was no coaching job available.

Moore returned to his former job at waited several years before a coaching position became available. The urrection.

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school, he was voted 'Most Likely to Succeed.' If I had to pick a classmate, that in my opinion, succeeded in what he wanted to do and was happy with it, it was Bragg. He would do things that weren't that remunerative but he did it from his heart and was totally dedicated. Bragg has a marvelous ability to relate to children. That has always been one of his finer qualities - to get kids to open up and motivate kids to do things. You couldn't ask for a fellow more dedicated in working with children than Bragg Moore," Williams said.

Moore will celebrate a 55th birthday on July 17.

Williams and Moore's sister, Kath-

"He will be missed on campus by faculty, staff and students. It won't be the same in a lot of ways. You get to where you identify certain people with the school and Bragg is one of those folks you identify as a kind of institution over there," Williams said.

"I don't think of (retirement) as a bad thing. I think of it as a good thing for him to finally be able to move on to other endeavors, but he will be

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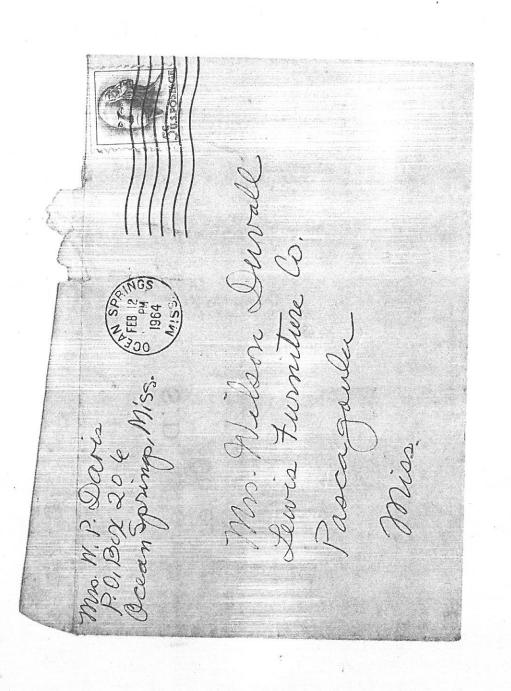
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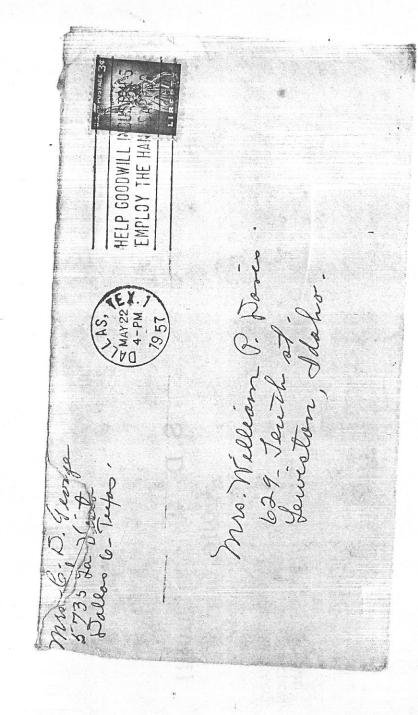
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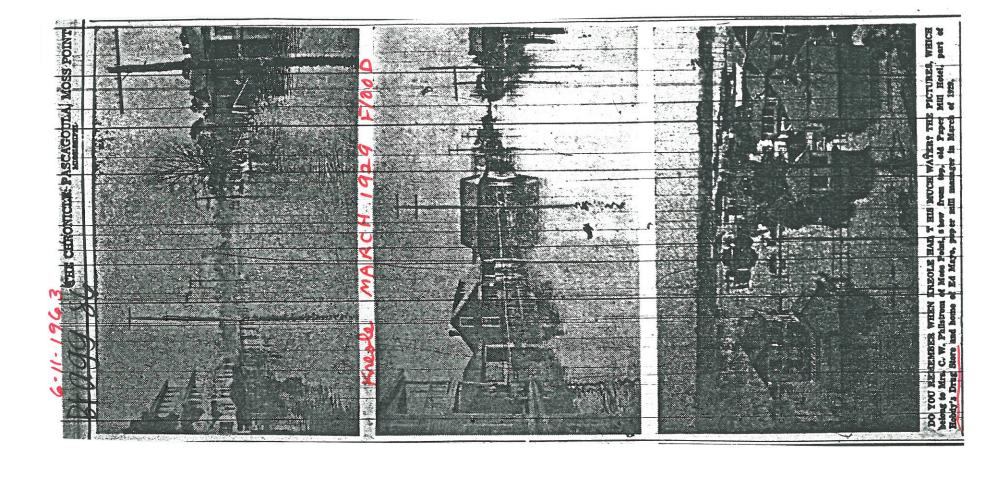
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BRAGG BRAGG, 87, of Rienzi,

Miss., died Jan. 8, 2003, in Magnolia Regional Health Center. He was a member of Biggersville United Methodist Church. He was a farmer and later retired from Corinth Manufacturing in the late 1980s. He was an electrician by trade and enjoyed helping others through his skills. He enjoyed his friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith Bragg, son, Ray Bragg, parents, Ben and Alma Bragg, parents, Ben and Alma Bragg, brother, Vance Bragg, sisters, Gladys Morelock and Virginia Bragg, sorther, Vance Bragg, sisters, Gladys Morelock and Virginia Bragg and wife, Brenda of Corinth, Domie Bragg and wife, Branda of Corinth, Domie Bragg and wife, Martha of Vancleave, Miss.; daughters, Barbara Galyean and husband, Danny of Huntsville, Ala., Sue Meeks and husband, Danny of Huntsville, Ala., Sue Meeks and husband, Danny of Huntsville, Ala., Sue Meeks and husband, Danyl Bragg, Bric Bragg, Brad Bragg, Bruce Bragg, Brad Bragg, Bruce Bragg, Brad Bragg, Terri Gill, Daniel Galyean, Christie Bishop, Courtney Meeks; and 19 great grand-children.

Funeral services were held Friday, at 3 p.m., at Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Glover and the Rev. Ray Bennett officiatchildren.

Interment was in Forrest Memorial Park.
Pallbearers were his grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Doty, Harrell Doty, Gifford Morris, Jim Whit Rinehart, Billy Brawner, Dr. T. L. Sweat, Dr. John Prather, Rick Quinn, Bobby Wood, and Keith Carlton.
Arrangements by Memorial Funeral Home, Corinth, Miss.